GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:77
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PRODUCTION OF EDIBLE OIL
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the total production of vegetable oil and other cooking oils in the country, particularly in Orissa during the last three years, year-wise and State-wise;

(b) the demand of the above mentioned varieties of oils in the country during the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the supply of edible oil is sufficient to meet the demand; and

(d) if not, the remedial measures taken in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a) to (d): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF STARRED QUESTION NO.77 DUE FOR ANSWER ON 22-11-2002 IN THE LOK SABHA.

The total production of edible vegetable oils and other cooking oils like hydrogenated oil (Vanaspati) in the country during the last 3 years is as under:-

(in Lakh MT)

Year	Production of edible vegetable oils	Production of vanaspati
1999-2000	60.14	11.90
2000-2001	55.04	13.60
2001-2002 (E)	61.33	11.79

(up to September 2002)

Data relating to annual production of edible oils, State-wise, is not maintained as there is no restriction on inter-State movement of oilseeds/oils. However, on the basis of oilseeds production in Orissa and the Vanaspati units situated in the State, the production of edible oils, including Vanaspati, in Orissa is assessed as under:-

(in Lakh MT)

Year	Production of edible vegetable oils	Production of vanaspati
1999-2000	0.47	0.12
2000-2001	0.47	0.26
2001-2002 (E)	0.35	0.23

(up to September 2002)

The demand of vegetable oils in the country during the current year is estimated at 117 lakh MTs. The supply of vegetable edible oils, including Vanaspati, in Orissa is 55 to 65,000 MTs.

The supply of edible oils in the country is not sufficient to meet the demand. The shortfall is met through import of edible oils under OGL (Open General Licence).The remedial measures taken and efforts made to increase the indigenous production of oilseeds and of edible oils include:-

(i) A Centrally Sponsored Oilseeds Production Programme is implemented in 25 States covering 395 selected Districts to increase the production of oilseeds/edible oils in the country,

(ii) A Technology Mission on Oilseeds is in place to harness appropriate production, processing and management technology,

(iii) Intensification of research efforts to increase the production of oilseeds,

(iv) Increasing the areas under non-traditional oilseeds crops, like soyabean and sunflower and exploitation of oilseeds of tree and forest origin, rice bran etc.,

(v) Setting up of necessary processing and infrastructural facilities to keep pace with the production programme of oilseeds,

(vi) Assistance for oil palm development,

(vii) Better incentives to producers through fixation of Minimum Support Price (MSP) of major oilseeds,

(viii) Use of indigenous oils in the manufacture of Vanaspati to at least 25% of the production, on a monthly basis, is mandatory, at present. Higher use of expeller mustard oil in the manufacture of Vanaspati up to 30% has also been allowed. The objective is to incentivise the farmers in terms of better returns for their production,

(ix) In order to harmonise the interests of domestic oilseeds growers, consumers and processors and to regulate imports of edible oils to the extent possible, the duty structure on edible oils is reviewed from time to time.